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(S.D.)-Program To Train Indian Educators Gets \$1.2M Grant



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BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) - A Montana State University and Little Big Horn College program to train Native American educators has received a four-year, \$1.2 million federal grant.

The Department of Education grant will provide funding for 40 students in the Indian Leadership Education and Development program.

The program is designed to train Indian educators on reservations. It allows them to earn a master's degree in school administration without having to leave their jobs.

Program administrator Bill Ruff says it is meant to help underperforming schools improve. He says the high turnover among school leaders on reservations can be alleviated by training educators who already work in those communities.

The grant covers teachers in Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota and Wyoming.